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1. FIRST HALF DECEMBER, AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL, IS ACCEPTABLE TIME FRAME FOR SEMINAR MISSION, BUT EXACT DATES PROPOSED GIVE SOME DIFFICULTY. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE ARE NO DIRECT FLIGHTS ALGIERS/TUNIS ON THURSDAYS (E.G. DECEMBER 8) NOR TUNIS/DAMASCUS ON SATURDAYS (E.G. DECEMBER 10). SUGGEST THAT SCHEDULE BE SLIGHTLY ALTERED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MOSLEM WEEK IN ALGIERS UTILIZING SATURDAY/SUNDAY DECEMBER 3/4 AND AVAILABLE DIRECT FLIGHTS, THUS MINIMIZING TRAVEL TIME. REVISED SCHEDULE WOULD THUS BE: ALGIERS, DECEMBER 3-7; TUNIS DECEMBER 7-11; DAMASCUS DECEMBER 11-14. THIS SCHEDULE WILL GIVE ADEQUATE TIME FOR SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS, BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS AND VISITS TO FACILITIES IN TUNIS WHILE PROPOSED DECEMBER 8-10 DATES WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLY CONFINING. WE ALSO NOTE THAT DECEMBER 12 IS MOSLEM NEW YEAR'S DAY.

2. TUNIS CAN HANDLE TRANSLATION, DUPLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF TECHNICAL PAPERS (INTO FRENCH) AS WELL AS PRINTING OF BROCHURES. PAPERS AND TEXT FOR BROCHURE MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST
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10 WEEKS PRIOR TO SEMINAR. DISTRIBUTION TO ALGIERS AND DAMASCUS CAN BE DONE THROUGH USE OF DIRECT SPECIAL AIR POUCH AS HAS BEEN DONE SUCCESSFULLY ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS (TSS AGRICULTURAL LAND, TSS PORTS). BUDGET FOR THESE SERVICES SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED ASAP TO FACILITATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH QUALIFIED TRANSLATOR.

3. TUNIS WILL REQUIRE 250 COPIES OF BROCHURE, 75 COPIES OF TECHNICAL PAPERS IN FRENCH AND 25 COPIES TECHNICAL PAPERS IN ENGLISH. ADVANCE OFFICER SHOULD PLAN 3/4 WORKING DAYS IN TUNIS AND ADVANCE TRIP SHOULD BE AT LEAST 6 WEEKS PRIOR TO SEMINAR.

4. EMBASSY HAD DISCUSSED SEMINAR MISSION WITH ALL RELEVANT GOT AGENCIES IN COURSE OF PREPARING MARKET INFORMATION. WE WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP BUT SERIOUS EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL FALL.
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